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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL DANISH REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH

REF: COPENHAGEN 851, 868, 883

SUMMARY: DANISH GOVERNMENT REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH  
HAS BEEN FURTHER ELABORATED IN SEPARATE PUBLIC COMMENTARIES  
BY FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN, AT PRESS CONFERENCES  
FOLLOWING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT IN UK, AND BY DEFMIN KJELD  
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OLESEN VIA INTERVIEW IN LEFTIST INFORMATION. DANISH  
OPPOSITION TO LINKAGE BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND SECURITY  
ISSUES IN FORTHCOMING TALKS ON US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS  
WAS REITERATED BY BOTH MINISTERS, WHO ARGUED THAT THESE  
ASPECTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY IN MOST APPROPRIATE  
FORA. LIST OF SUGGESTED FORA DOES NOT INCLUDE EC POL  
DIRECTORS MEETINGS, AS DANES WISH TO DOWNPLAY COMMUNITY'S  
" SUPERNATIONAL" POLITICAL PREROGATIVES AS MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH ANDERSEN AND OLESEN HAVE NOW RESTATED IN SOMEWHAT  
STRONGER FORM DANISH RESERVATIONS REGARDING ANY MODIFICATION  
OF THE EXISTING NATO INSTITUTIONS. ANDERSEN, AT LONDON  
PRESS CONFERENCE, REPORTEDLY SAID THAT ENTIRE QUESTION OF  
REVISION OF ATLANTIC CHARTER WAS INSEPARABLY LINKED WITH  
CSCE DISCUSSIONS IN HELSINKI AND MBFR MEETINGS IN VIENNA,  
IMPLYING THAT CHARTER REVISION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT RESULTS  
OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. ANDERSEN STATED, IN REPLY TO  
QUESTION ON BURDEN SHARING, THAT DENMARK WOULD NOT INCREASE  
ITS DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, EVEN IF AMERICAN TROOPS WERE  
WITHDRAWN FROM EUROPE. DANISH DEFENSE COMPROMISE IS VALID  
FOR COMING FOUR YEARS AND IT CANNOT BE CHANGED, HE SAID.  
DEFMIN OLESEN ADDED THAT CURRENT PROGRESS TOWARD DETENTE  
IN EUROPE BEGAN UNDER CURRENT NATO ORGANIZATIONAL FORM AND  
ANY CHANGES COULD INVOLVE GREAT RISK OF CREATING  
UNCERTAINTIES IN EAST- WEST RELATIONS, DIVERTING PROGRESS  
FROM THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE OF EAST- WEST RAPPROACHMENT.

2. IN ORDER TO HOLD IN CHECK THE PARTY'S LEFT WING,  
WHICH UNENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTS NATO MEMBERSHIP,  
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS HAVE IN RECENT YEARS EMPHASIZED NATO'S  
UTILITY IN NEGOTIATING DETENTE IN EUROPE. ONLY RECENTLY  
HAS FONMIN ANDERSEN BEGUN TO CITE NATO'S BASIC PURPOSE  
IN PROVIDING DEFENSE AGAINST EXISTING THREAT, AND HE  
HAS USUALLY GIVEN THAT POINT AN HISTORICAL CONNOTATION.  
SD GOVERNMENT LEADERS CONSEQUENTLY ARE WORRIED THAT ANY  
TAMPERING WITH PRESENT NATO INSTITUTIONS MIGHT HIGHLIGHT  
ITS VITAL DEFENSE ROLE, BECAUSE THEN DANISH MEMBERSHIP  
COULD CAUSE DEEP STRAINS WITHIN THE PARTY AND UNDERMINE  
VITAL PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT THEY RECEIVE FROM MARXIST  
SOCIALIST PEOPLES' PARTY.

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3. DANISH GOVERNMENT NOW EMPHASIZING THAT ECONOMIC AND  
SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE FORTHCOMING US- EUROPEAN TALKS  
SHOULD BE STRICTLY SEPARATE MATTERS. FORMIN ANDERSEN,  
IN PRESS CONFERENCES IN LONDON AND COPENHAGEN, STRESSED  
THAT DENMARK WISHES THESE DISCUSSIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN  
THEIR NATURAL FORA; ECONOMIC ASPECTS IN OECD AND GATT.

SECURITY QUESTIONS IN NATO.

4. COMMENT: IT IS INCREASINGLY EVIDENT THAT THE DANES ARE BEGINNING TO CONSIDER HOW BEST TO GRAPPLE WITH THE CHALLENGE THEY SEE IN THE KISSINGER SPEECH. NOW THAT THEY HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT KISSINGER WAS NOT PROPOSING AN ENLARGEMENT OF NATO IN EUROPE, LET ALONE MEMBERSHIP BY JAPAN , THEY ARE BEGINNING TO FOCUS ON THE FORM ( TO INCLUDE THE FORUM) IN WHICH A EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION COULD BE MADE. THIS WAS EMPHASIZED BY BIERRING OF THE MFA' S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE' MAY 3. HE PROBED HARD TO FIND OUT WHAT IDEA THE US HAD AS TO A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION. TO THE DANES, HE ADMITTED, NONE OF THE EXISTING FORA SEEMED ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY. DID THE US EXPECT THAT THE KISSINGER SPEECH WOULD BE A PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT NEXT MONTH' S NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING, PERHAPS EVEN AN AGENDA ITEM? IF SO, HOW WOULD A REPORT BE PREPARED FOR THE MINISTERS - AND WHAT ABOUT THE ECONOMIC ISSUES AND JAPAN? CHARGE' REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE WERE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS AT PRESENT, BUT HE WAS CONFIDENT WE WOULD WELCOME ANY VIEWS WHICH THE EUROPEANS HAD ON MODALITIES. IT SEEMED A GOOD BET THAT MINISTERS WOULD HAVE SOME DISCUSSION OF THE KISSINGER SPEECH, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT FORMALLY AS AN AGENDA ITEM. BIERRING SEEMED TO ACCEPT THAT THERE WERE NO FIXED ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME, BUT COMMENTED THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW THE POL DIRS OF THE EC NINE COULD BE A VERY EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT IN THIS CONSIDERATION SINCE THEY WERE ESTOPPED FROM DISCUSSING DEFENSE MATTERS.

5. DESPITE THIS LATTER STATEMENT, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT POL DIRS MTG IS THE PLACE WHERE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL CONTINUE, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT  
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THE POL DIRS DO MEET AND ARE VITALLY CONCERNED WITH THE ISSUE. BIERRING, INCIDENTALLY, WILL BE RESPESENTING DENMARK IN POL DIRS MEETINGS FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE OLDENBURG IS SCHEDULED TO UNDERGO AN OPERATION IN A FEW DAYS.  
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